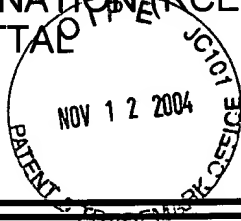


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First Named Inventor	Gerard Vahee
Art Unit	3626
Examiner Name	Vanel Frenel
Attorney Docket Number	END920000075US1

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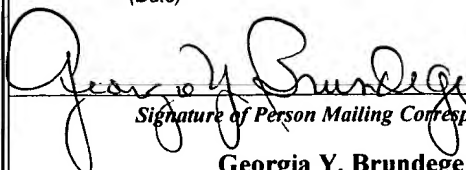
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Group Art Unit: 3626	:	IBM Corporation
Examiner: Vanel Frenel	:	Intellectual Property Law
Serial No.: 09/660,852	:	Department IQ0A/040-3
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the advisory action dated 10/13/04, applicants herewith file a request for continuing examination (RCE) and offer the following remarks:

REMARKS

Applicants provide herewith additional evidence to establish diligence from a date prior to the effective date of Baer (01/21/00) to an actual reduction to practice. In fact as demonstrated below, the invention in the present application was fully reduced to practice in October/November 1999 embodied as a